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Editor's Note: Word Ways has published numerous high-scoring single-move Scrabble games during the past decade; readers should enjoy this spoof of the genre.

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The plays, with explanations, are given below:

1. U.A.R. (Egypt)
2. half-quart
3. half-quartermen (by analogy with quartermen, in N1)
4. isn't, l'm, l'm
5. Ty (as in Ty Cobb)
6. Jaws (the movie), Jr., A.M., we (editorial we)
7. by lot (how colors are chosen in Scrabble games)
8. bushwa (slang for "nonsense")
9. know (not a real word according to some epistemologists --
there are only degrees of believing)
10. nor
11. Ro (artificial language)
12. overski, 10 (the movie)
13. dadding (fathering)
14. aaieeee (sound of man falling 185 feet down an abandoned
mine shaft, formed by analogy with aaieeee, the sound of
a man falling 163 feet)
15. Will (man's name), ew (exclamation of disgust)
16. a la (as in "a la Polonaise")
17. Au (gold)
18. æ (a ligature, not a word)

19. Er (Saxon god Tiwaz)
20. E-l-E-I-O (with a cluck-cluck here...), Nl (just as "Bible" is not in the Bible, this is not Nl), G.E. (why did the rabbit salute the refrigerator?)
21. toinaeno (palm tree -- see next word)
22. ceructtoinaeno (left-leaning palm tree near Madras -- I am indebted to Ed Wolpow for pointing this out in the May 1981 Word Ways)
23. proximity fuzers (those who set proximity fuzes) $59 \times 27 = 1593$, bushwax (from a waxbush) $17 \times 3 = 51$, Jaws (west of Brawk-In) 11, nalfquarterment (by analogy with shipmen-t) $32 \times 3 = 96$, WLLZ (National Puzzlers' League pseudonym) 27, ceructtoinaenos (plural of above) $19 \times 3 = 57$

With the 7-tile bonus of 50 points, this totals 1915 points.

BRAIN GAMES 3: 127 MIND-BOGGLING PUZZLES

This book is the third in a series of paperback puzzle books by Will Shortz, published in 1983 by Simon & Schuster for \$6.95; reviews of the earlier ones can be found in the August 1979 and November 1980 issues of Word Ways. Alas, inflation has taken its toll - one paid only 2.8¢ per puzzle in the original, but 5.5¢ per puzzle in this one! Nevertheless, this book is highly recommended to jaded crossworders who seek novel puzzle formats; Shortz has developed, or adapted from puzzle literature, a wide variety of original word constructions. Some examples:

- * *Sister Cities: find three six-letter cities by selecting one letter per vertical word*

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| A | O | L | A | O | O |
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- * *Telescopes: overlap the words defined by eight pictures to form a "telescope" 22 letters long*

S T A M P A L M A N A C O R N C O B R A I D

- * *Word Tic-Tac-Toe: one of the rows, columns or diagonals contains three words which can be prefixed by a common word; a synonym of this word appears elsewhere in the grid*

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| hot | tunnel | scarlet |
| companion | herring | wit |
| side | beer | tape |

(red hot, red herring, red tape; scarlet is a synonym)